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Conference Between Trolley Company and Committees of Greenfield and Deerfield.

A conference was held yesterday between the directors of the Greenfield and Deerfield electric road and the committees appointed by the towns of Greenfield and Deerfield, to arrange with the company for the building of a new bridge over the Deerfield at Cheapside. The trolley company made these propositions: That the railroad company accept the propositions of the towns to pay $7600 toward the bri ige and that the company should build it at an expense not to exceed $19,000 for both parties; the company to own and maintain it, to give the towns perpetual right of way over it, to build it satisfactorily to the committees and the railr ad commissioners, and the bridge to be 25½ feet wide in the clear as now; in the event of destruction of the bridge, it should be replaced by a new one on the same terms. Second, the company build the bri ige, the town to own and maintain it, and in case of destruction it should be rebuilt on the same conditions; the material of the old bridge to belong to the towns, but the company to have the use of it during the building of the new bridge. Third, the railway to pay the towns $11,500 and the towns to build a joint bridge as they pleased.

At a subsequent conference the committees of the towns agreed that the old width would be inadequate for a new bridge and that they get estimates on a 35-foot bridge, and then make some proposition to the trolley company. This will make the bridge cost more, and the company say they can make no better offer than they have made, so that if the towns will not raise their offer they would prefer to build an independent bridge. The sentiment of the committee seemed to be favorable to a joint bridge, on the ground that the contribution offered by the trolley company would secure the bridge for a low cost to the towns. It is felt that there must be a new bridge before many years. One of the piers needs repairing now. It is not unlikely, then, that the towns will be asked to make a larger appropriation, so as to get a wider bridge.

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